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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION ANKARA INFO ADANA IZMIR ISTANBUL AND USUN FROM STATE 26 APRIL, REPEATED TO YOU:

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SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF TURKISH DIPLOMATS IN THE U. S.
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1. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON ACTING SECRETARY PORTER APRIL 23. ESENBEL SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED URGENT INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANKARA TO GO INTO THE DEPARTMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL TO DELIVER HIS DEMARCHE. HE SAID THAT APRIL 24 IS ARMENIAN MEMORIAL DAY AND THAT THE ARMENIANS PLAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE AND BEIRUT THROUGH THIS WEEK. ESENBEL SAID THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN TURKEY HAS BECOME VERY EMOTIONAL BECAUSE OF THE KILLINGS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. THE TURKISH GOVT WAS
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UNDER PRESSURE BY TURKS WHO REMEMBER THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TURKS WHO WERE KILLED BY ARMENIANS AT THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR. THESE TURKS ASK HOW LONG TURKEY' S ALLIES WILL CONTINUE TO ALLOW SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST TURKEY. ESENBEL SAID THAT THESE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN ISTANBUL, WHERE THERE IS AN ARMENIAN COMMUNITY, ARE DIFFICULT TO HOLD BACK. THEREFORE THE TURKISH GOVT WAS REQUESTING THAT THE U. S. GOVT DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE THIS WEEK TO PREVENT ANY DEMONSTRATIONS SLANDERING TURKEY SO THAT NO HARM WOULD BE DONE TO OUR CLOSE ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIP. ESENBEL THEN DISCUSSED SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THE PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS AS WELL AS HIS PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH THE STATE DEPT REGARDING POTENTIAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. ESENBEL WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD IN ADDITION THREE POINTS OF HIS OWN TO MAKE. FIRSTLY, ON APRIL 28, THERE WAS A PLANNED DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. ESENBEL SAID THAT HE DID NOT APPROVE OF USING THE RED CROSS FOR SUCH A PURPOSE. IF ARMENIANS WANT TO GIVE BLOOD THAT IS FINE, BUT THEY SHOULD NOT COMBINE IT WITH ANTI- TURKISH DEMON- STRATIONS. ESENBEL REQUESTED THAT THE ACTING SECRETARY INTERVENE WITH THE RED CROSS TO PREVENT THIS.

3. IN HIS SECOND POINT ESENBEL SAID THAT THE TURKISH PERMREP IN THE UN HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SECURITY PROTECTION FROM THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPT FOR APRIL 24. (DEPT SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED USUN AND WAS ASSURED THAT THERE WOULD BE A GUARD POSTED IN FRONT OF THE TURKISH MISSION ON APRIL 24.) ESENBEL' S THIRD POINT WAS THAT WHILE THE LOS ANGELES POLICE HAD AGREED TO PROTECT THE CONSUL GENERAL' S OFFICE IN CENTURY CITY, THE BEVERLY HILLS POLICE HAD REFUSED TO PROVIDE GUARDS AT THE RESIDENCE.

4. AMBASSADOR PORTER SAID THAT HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPOR- TANCE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AND THAT WE WOULD DO EVERYTHING WE LEGALLY CAN AS WE DEPLORE ALL VIOLENCE. HE SAID THAT THE DEPT TOOK TURKISH CONCERN SERIOUSLY AND WOULD KEEP IN CONTACT WITH THE LOCAL POLICE TO ASSURE

THAT NO VIOLENCE IS DONE. DILLON, NEA/ TUR, INFORMED AMBASSADOR ESENBEL THAT THE JUSTICE DEPT HAD SENT TELEGRAMS TO THE US ATTORNEYS IN LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO, AND NEW YORK ALERTING THEM TO THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMON- STRATIONS AND ADVISING THEM OF THE POSSIBLE NECESSITY OF ENFORCING THE NEW FEDERAL LEGISLATION PROTECTING FOREIGN DIPLOMATS. FURTHERMORE ALL LOCAL POLICE HAD BEEN ALERTED. THE DEPT HAD TELEPHONED UNIVERSITIES WHERE THERE WERE

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SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF TURKISH STUDENTS ADVISING THEM OF THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM. DILLON ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE LOS ANGELES POLICE HAVE ARRANGED TO POST THREE SQUADS OF POLICE AROUND THE CONSULATE AS LOS ANGELES IS THE LOCATION WHERE THE LARGEST DEMONSTRATION IS LIKELY TO OCCUR. AS TO BEVERLY HILLS, THE LOCAL POLICE DO NOT EXPECT A DEMONSTRATION THERE. NEVERTHELESS IT IS A VERY HEAVILY PATROLLED AREA AND THE BEVERLY HILLS POLICE HAVE AGREED TO GIVE THE CONSUL GENERAL' S RESIDENCE INTENSIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION. IN CONCLUSION, DILLON INFORMED AMB ESENBEL THAT HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT EVERYONE IS FULLY ALERTED TO THE POTENTIAL DANGER.

5. AMBASSADOR PORTER ASKED ESENBEL WHETHER THE INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD RECEIVED FROM ANKARA HAD APPLIED ONLY TO THE U. S. ESENBEL SAID YES. THE PARTICULAR DEMARCHE THAT HE HAD COME IN TO DELIVER HAD BEEN ADDRESSED TO HIM ONLY. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, OTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO OTHER MISSIONS INSTRUCTING EACH AMBASSADOR TO REQUEST ADEQUATE PROTECTION. ROGERS

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